



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EMERGENCY WORK WILL REPAIR STORM DAMAGES ON SR-62 AND SR-247

Twenty-nine Palms – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will repair storm damages from last weekend's storm on State Route 62 and State Route 247 beginning tomorrow, September 15, 2004. SR-62 will remain closed from east of Twenty-nine Palms to SR-177 (approximately 20-miles) until September 27, 2004. When repairs on SR-62 are finished, work will commence on SR-247 for another week to complete the repairs. SR-247 has reopened and will remain open during the repairs, which will require some shoulder and lane closures from Hibbard Rd. to Pony Rd.

An expected \$1.5 million in emergency funding will cover the cost of the road repair and includes restoration of the washed out shoulders on both routes. The damages occurred during torrential flash flooding caused by recent thunderstorms.

DETOUR for SR-62

- Travelers from I-10 may use SR-177 to SR-62.
- Travelers from SR-95 may go west to SR-62 and continue south on SR-177 to I-10.

Your patience is appreciated during this emergency project. Please follow the signs and stay alert, the life you save may be your own when you **slow for the cone zone**.

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